

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
November 7, 2013

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, Charles Tirone, Eileen Coleman, Catherine Garnett, Curt Connors, Chris Naylor, and David White of the Commission. Also present were Liam and John Durant, Bruce Whelittle, Laura Kuhn, Brandon Kindle, Paula Kindle, David von Schack, Dorothee and JM VanThong.

7:45 pm – Commission Business:

White/Connors motioned to approve the 10/3 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Connors/White motioned to approve the 10/17 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Beckwith distributed copies of a **Notice of Intent for the Rt.2/3/16 interchange** to board members and some asked if the applicant could post at FTP site for the project. Also since the project is also taking place in Cambridge, the board asked to review the conditions from the Cambridge Conservation Commission for the project.

Liam Durant spoke with the board of his request to complete an **Eagle Scout project** in coordination with us. We discussed various project ideas and Ms. Beckwith will have more discussion and review to select a project to complete in the spring. One such project was to install signs at Conservation Lands. The board asked if a sign permit was required. Ms. Beckwith will ask the Planning Dept.

Mr. White reported on the **Spy Pond Park site visit** with the volunteer landscape architect, David White, Chuck Tirone, Karen Grossman, Elizabeth Karpati, Don Bitters, Leslie Mayer, Mike Rademacher. The landscape architect made suggestions. Karen Grossman will produce notes from the meeting. The Commission likely could approve an RDA for the hardscaping items in the new plan.

8pm **Notice of Intent** – Mystic River Oil Spill and clean up. This item was continued to the 11/21 meeting at 8pm per the applicant's request.

8:15pm **Notice of Intent** – 343 Mystic St, landscaping, continued from 10/3

Ms. Kuhn presented the revised plan sheet and narrative to support the proposed plant replacement method. Trees planted will include Nyssa and Red Maple and more woody shrubs will be added to give better root structure to the area, such as Bayberry and Clethra. The plants will be installed in the spring. The double layer of erosion control is shown on the plan.

The homeowners have been handpulling Japanese Knotweed in the early spring for a couple of years and covering some areas with a tarp.

Ms. Beckwith distributed a set of draft conditions for the board to review.

Ms. Garnett asked that if conditions become muddy that traction mats be utilized.

White/Naylor motioned to close the hearing; motion passed unanimously.

Naylor/Tirone motioned to approve the project with the proposed conditions; motion passed, with Ms. Garnett not voting due to absence from first hearing.

Commission Business, cont.

Mr. Davidson, or the landscape architect hired by him, will attend the 12/5 meeting to discuss replacement of plants at the **Gold's Gym section of Mill Brook**.

The Commission discussed the effort to increase the **hours** of the Conservation Administrator.

Mr. Whittle delivered a letter to Mr. Stevens and Ms. Beckwith in regards to liens and financial issues for the owners of **86 Coolidge Rd**. To date, nothing has happened on the house. There are three dead trees on the lower boundary of the land. Large brush piles are on the property. Ms. Beckwith will check the files for the letter of approval that we issued to the owner to dig a soil test pit in April of this year and see if contained an expiration date.

Ms. Garnett reported on the **Symmes** property. The Conservation Restriction is being finalized soon and will need our review. Items being clarified are removal of parking spaces at the lower Symmes parks, seeding on the slopes and the utility way. The states comments were mainly stylistic.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator